Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*):
(*a*) None.
(*b*) 13.
(*c*) None.
(*d*) 16.

FEES UNDER COMPANIES ACT.

102. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will the Government be pleased to give a statement of Receipts to the Government (Registration Department) by way of "Fees under Companies Act" for each of the last ten years?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*):

Year.	*Amount* *Rs.*
1103	3,763
1104	8,411
1105	6,366
1106	4,655
1107	4,865
1108	4,497
1109	4,337
1110	3,580
1111	6,022
1112	10,081

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Have the Government received any representation from the Joint Stock Companies that the present rates levied are high?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Rates are fixed for so many returns under several sections.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): The returns have now increased in number as per the amendment to the Indian Companies Act.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Yes. Some representations were received and the Government made some reduction also, in the case of certain returns.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Have the Government noted that there is an enormous increase in the amount of fees in the recent years?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): The hon'ble member will find that the amount in 1104 was Rs. 8,411 and in 1105 it was Rs. 6,366. No doubt there seems to be an abnormal increase in 1112. But the number of Companies has also increased very much.

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Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*) : That must not be due to the prosperity of the company.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*) : So far as the Companies are concerned, the number of returns has increased and they have to pay fees for these returns, and the Government have reduced the fees in respect of certain returns.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to consider to reduce it further especially in the case of small companies ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*) : I can't give an assurance.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*) : Are the filing fees levied irrespective of the paid up capital of the companies ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*) : Will the Government consider the advisability of having different filing fees for varying capitals ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*) : So far as the Companies Act is concerned, we have copied the Act in British India and for the matter of the rules also, we are only copying the rules in British India and trying to incorporate the fees levied there. Wherever necessary, suitable changes are made. For the sake of uniformity, we are doing like that.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*) : May I suggest that suitable changes are necessary here also in the Cochin State, which has a very small field wherein they can have business operation ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*) : Government cannot give any assurance on that matter at present.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*) : When did the Companies Act come into force here ?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja (*Advocate-General*) : The new Act came into force on 19th Meenam 1112 by means of a Proclamation dated 14th Meenam 1112.

TEACHERS IN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT—TRAINED HANDS—PREFERENCE FOR.

103. Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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